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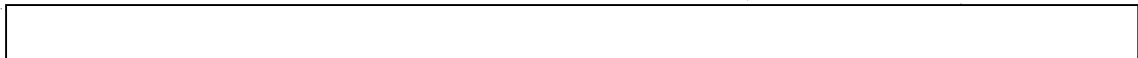
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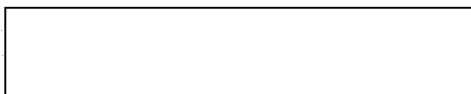
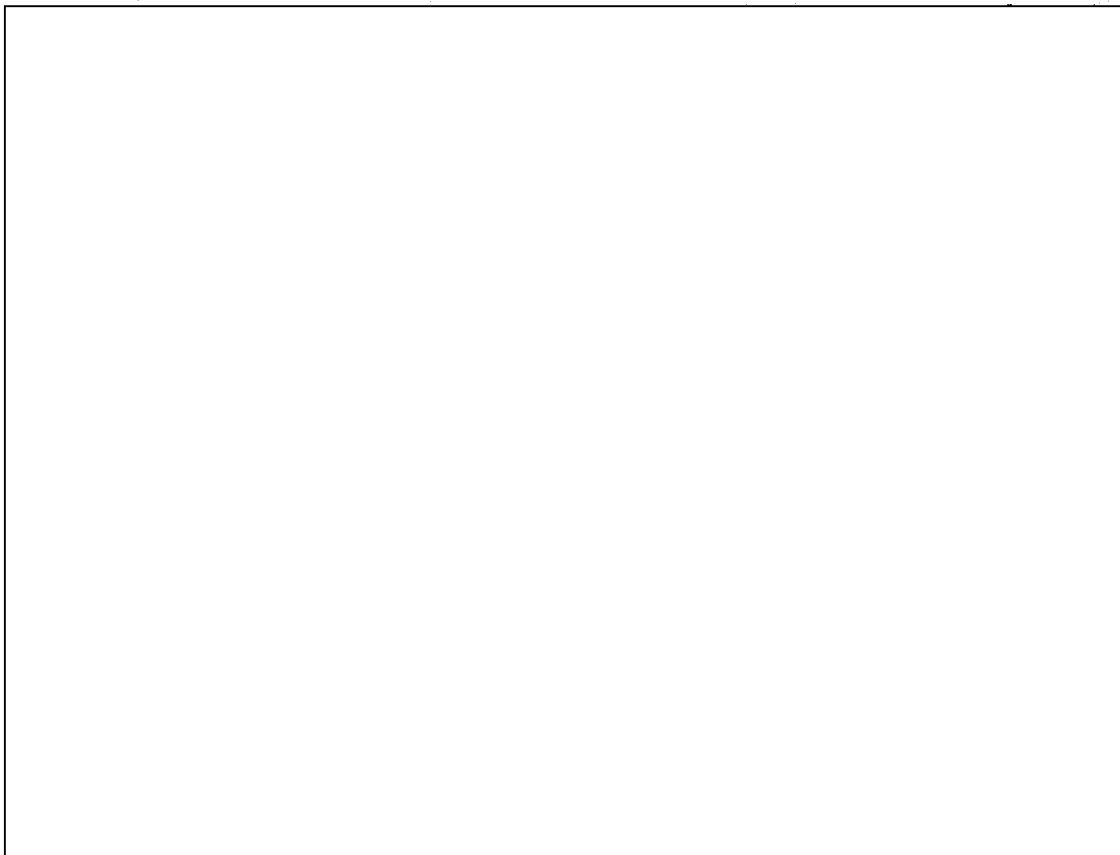
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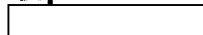
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EGYPT: Reaction to Shah's Arrival

The arrival of the Shah of Iran in Egypt so far has produced no significant domestic reaction but could provide a focus for more effective attacks on President Sadat by Islamic and leftist groups.

[redacted] Egyptian opposition groups have been agitated for months over economic hardships, alleged corruption in government, and some aspects of Sadat's foreign policies. The exchange of ambassadors with Israel in late February apparently generated a serious demonstration at a university south of Cairo, but the opposition so far has failed to mount serious challenges to the government.

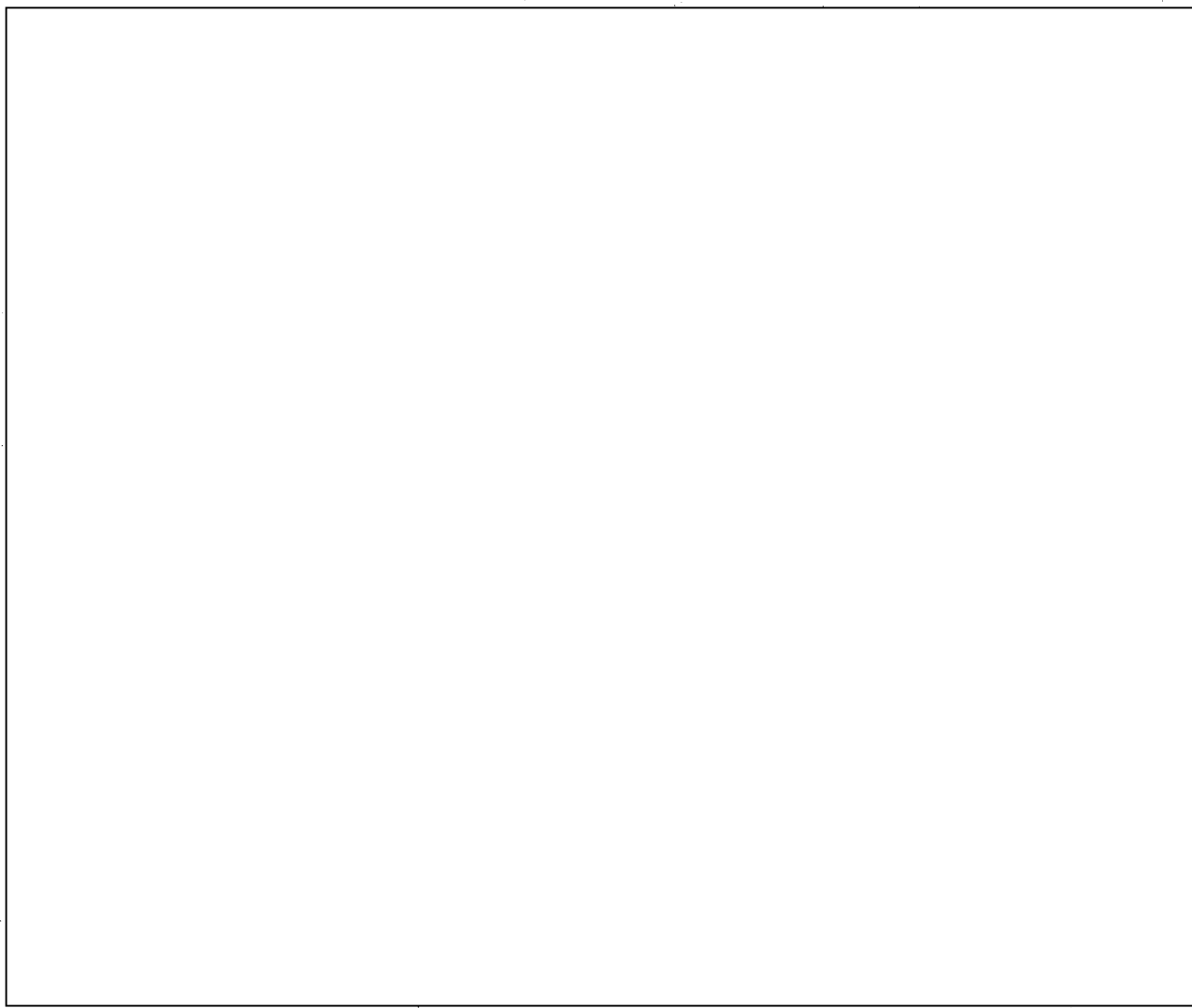
Egyptians of varied political persuasions--including the officially sanctioned "tame" opposition--have criticized Sadat's past offers of asylum to the Shah. Many Egyptian fundamentalists see the Shah as anti-Islamic, and opposition groups on both the left and right view him as corrupt and as an agent of "Western imperialism." Even moderate Egyptians have questioned the wisdom of courting opposition at home and throughout the Middle East by providing him refuge.

[redacted] most Egyptians view the Shah's admittance as a humanitarian gesture, but some Egyptians and other Arabs presumably believe that Sadat acted on behalf of the US. The Shah's presence, moreover, will reinforce Egypt's isolation from an Arab world increasingly sensitive to fundamentalist Islamic concerns.

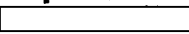
[redacted] The chief near-term danger is that extremist fringe groups might attempt terrorist operations against the Shah, Sadat, or other Egyptian officials. Over the longer term, the Shah's presence may prove a catalyst for Egypt's diverse opposition groups.

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